

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



## *To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, More than 820 children in out-of-home care in Kentucky are awaiting public adoption; and
- WHEREAS, A total of 1,915 children who cannot be reunited with families due to abuse, neglect and other safety and welfare issues has the goal of adoption; and
- WHEREAS, Adoptive families provide support, nurturing and permanency to these waiting children who need safe, caring, and stable homes in which to heal and put their lives back together; and
- WHEREAS, Adoptive families serve a vital role in permanency planning to protect the best interests of adoptive children, often making tremendous sacrifices; and
- WHEREAS, More than 85 percent of public adoptions in Kentucky are foster care adoptions, which create new "forever families" and also reduce the foster parent population when these families reach their care-giving capacity; and
- WHEREAS, A critical need exists for more families willing to adopt children, along with the continued need for more foster families to care for children in the course of determining the permanency outcomes most favorable to their long-term success; and
- WHEREAS, Citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are encouraged to extend their gratitude to adoptive families who unselfishly share their lives and homes with adoptive children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as

## ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two  
Thousand Nine and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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